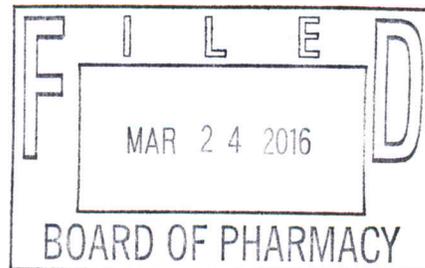


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR :
REVOCAION OF THE REGISTRATION OF :
:
Alexis M. Vega : ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
Registration No. 28RW02176900 :
: **PROVISIONAL ORDER OF**
: **DISCIPLINE**
:
TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACY :
TECHNICIAN IN THE STATE :
OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Alexis Vega ("Respondent") is a registered pharmacy technician in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto. (See L2K printout attached hereto and

made a part hereof as **Exhibit A**).

2. The Board received a criminal flagging notice indicating that Respondent was arrested on October 15, 2015 by the Haddon Township Police Department for violating N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3A Theft of moveable property and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1) Possession of controlled dangerous substance or analog. (See Flagging Notice attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Exhibit B**).

3. Respondent admitted that she had stolen controlled dangerous substances medications and was charged with one count of theft of movable property for unlawfully taking or exercising control over certain movable property, to wit, prescription medication Xanax, Promethazine with codeine syrup, Ambien, Valium, Tylenol 3, Percocet and Oxycodone, belonging to CVS Pharmacy, while she was on duty as Pharmacist Technician, with the intent to deprive the CVS Pharmacy thereof, specifically by taking the listed medication from the store without authorization, for personal use and sale to others. Respondent was also charged with four counts of Possession of controlled dangerous substances or analog for knowingly or purposely obtaining or possessing a controlled dangerous substance or analog, to wit, Oxycodone, that was not obtained directly from a practitioner or under valid prescription issued by a practitioner, specifically by taking medication from the CVS

Pharmacy without a valid prescription. (See Incident Report from the Haddon Township Police Report, dated August 06, 2015, attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Exhibit C** and Respondent's voluntary statement to employer CVS Pharmacy attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Exhibit D**).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board provisionally finds that Respondent's admitted theft of controlled dangerous substances provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's registration to practice pharmacy in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), (e), and (f) in that Respondent has engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, deception, and misrepresentation; in professional misconduct; and in acts constituting a crime or offense of moral turpitude and/or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 24th day of March, 2016,

ORDERED that:

Upon the filing of a FINAL ORDER in this matter:

1. Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician is suspended for a minimum period of five (5) years from the date of the Final Order entered in

this matter, and until further order of the Board.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in practice as a pharmacy technician, which includes, but is not limited to the following: Respondent shall not retrieve prescription files or patient files; shall not prepare medication labels; shall not engage in data entry for any pharmacy, shall not count, weigh, measure, pour or compound prescription medication or stock legend drugs and controlled substances; shall not fill an automated medication system; shall not accept authorization for a prescription refill or renewal; shall not handle anything requiring prescription, including devices and medications; Respondent shall not handle prescriptions; and shall not be present within a prescription filling area of a pharmacy.

3. Respondent shall immediately surrender her original registration to the Executive Director of the Board by mailing same to Anthony Rubinaccio, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, P. O. Box 45013, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

4. Prior to any restoration of registration, Respondent shall:

a. Appear before the Board or a committee thereof to discuss her readiness to re-enter practice as a pharmacy technician. At that time Respondent shall be prepared to

propose her plans for future practice in New Jersey and demonstrate evidence of rehabilitation to the Board's satisfaction.

b. Affirmatively establish her fitness, competence and capacity to re-enter the active practice of pharmacy technician.

c. Provide the Board with a full account of her conduct during the intervening period of time from the entry of this Order to her appearance pursuant to this Order.

d. Provide documentation of successful completion of all application requirements including a Criminal History Background Check and payment of all reinstatement fees.

e. Provide documentation of successful completion of all criminal sentencing terms (if any) including payment of fines.

5. If Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician is reinstated, the Board, in its discretion, may impose any conditions or restrictions it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

3. Any practice in this State prior to such reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

5. The within order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry hereof unless Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the

above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Anthony Rubinaccio, Executive Director, State Board of Pharmacy, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45013, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.

6. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

7. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal

allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

8. Nothing herein precludes the Board from taking action on the underlying conduct that was originally the subject of inquiry in this matter.

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